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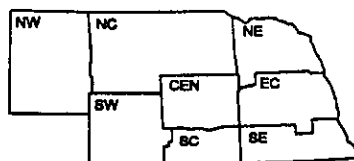
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### WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from one to five degrees below normals, with many recorded lows in the teens. Light scattered precipitation was recorded over portions of north central and southeast Nebraska. Amounts recorded were often less than three tenths of an inch.

### GENERAL

Weather conditions were mostly dry this week, allowing producers to continue wrap up of fall harvest activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest was least advanced in the Southwestern and Panhandle Districts, while nearly complete in southeastern counties. Precipitation did little to improve depleted subsoil moisture levels. In the West, sugar beet harvest was active and only a few fields of dry beans are yet to be combined.

### CROPS

Corn harvest was 81% complete, compared to 47% last year and three weeks ahead of 33% average. Many producers were expected to complete harvest next week. However, harvest progress in the Panhandle had not yet reached the half way mark, as many producers focused on sugar beet harvest. Irrigated corn moisture was dropping in the north central counties.

### CROPS Cont.

Soybean harvest moved to 83% complete, compared with 81% last year and 68% average. About 25% of the acreage remains to be harvested in the southwestern and northeastern counties.

Sorghum was 86% harvested compared to 32% last year and 33% average.

Wheat seeding neared completion. Emergence at 82% has been slow, compared to 86% last year and average. In some areas, producers were reseeding due to poor emergence. Additional soil moisture was needed to sustain growth and establish the crop for the winter months.

Dry bean harvest was nearing completion in most areas.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 52% very poor, 31% poor, 15% fair, and 2% good. Producers were moving cattle to harvested stalk fields as soon as combining was complete. Hay and forage supplies rated 14% very short, 33% short, 52% adequate and 1% surplus. The shortest conditions existed in the western half of the State.

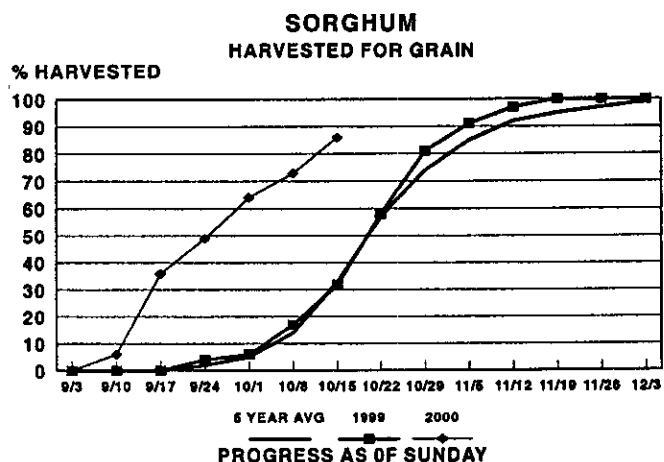
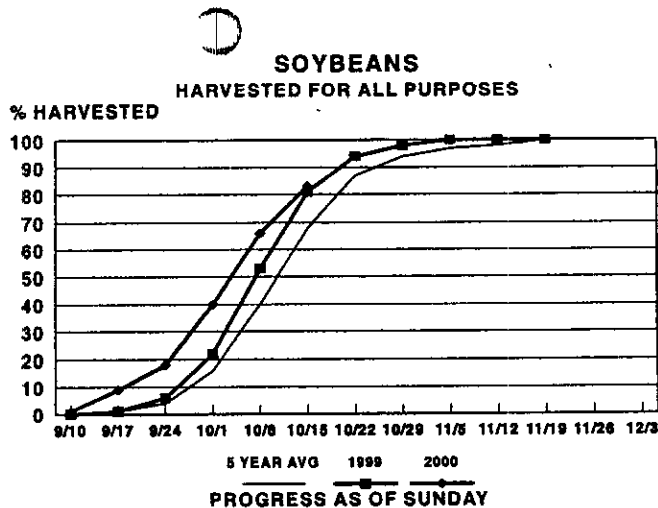
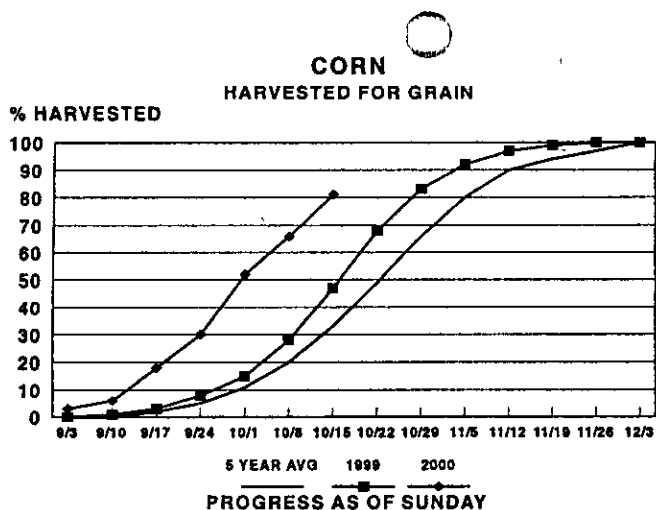
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2000		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE	
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC					SE
PERCENT													
% Corn Harvested		37	65	83	80	92	55	91	94	81	66	47	33
% Soybeans Harvested		n/a	89	76	89	88	76	94	86	83	66	81	68
% Sorghum Harvested		n/a	70	83	95	85	58	77	90	86	73	32	33
% Wheat Seeded		98	97	95	100	97	97	98	92	97	94	98	98
% Wheat Emerged		90	74	55	37	54	80	74	59	82	67	86	86
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2000													
Days Suitable		7.0	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.0	7.0	
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	13	41	73	67	57	34	81	60	52	50	26	
	- Short	36	54	18	28	37	52	19	35	36	35	44	
	- Adequate	51	5	9	5	6	14	0	5	12	15	30	
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	32	70	84	66	92	85	89	95	77	78	21	
	- Short	44	30	14	28	8	15	11	5	19	18	36	
	- Adequate	24	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	4	4	43	
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available.

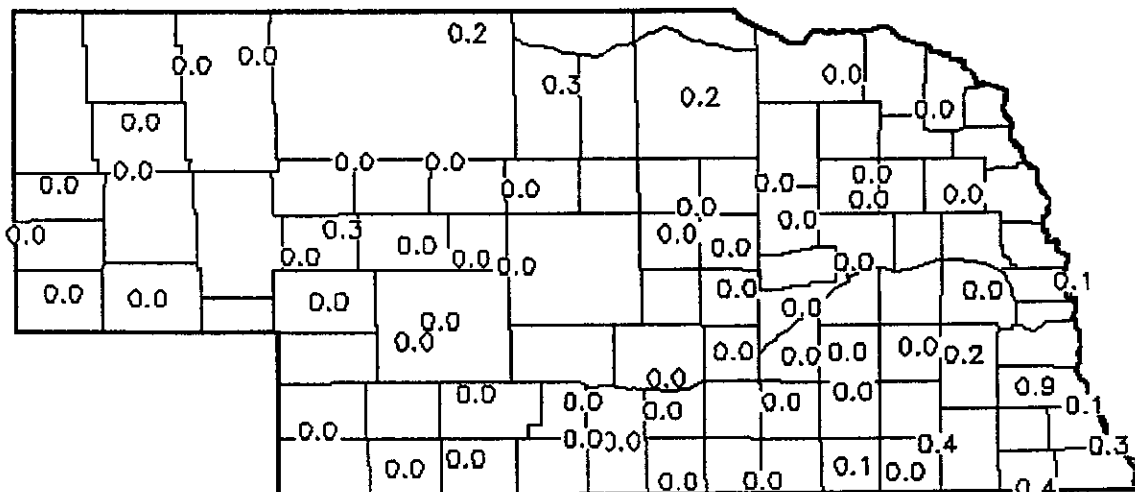
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#### PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2000



Source: High Plains Climate Center

#### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	77	22	51	---	Trace
	Scottsbluff	76	21	51	-1	.01
	Sidney	75	22	48	---	Trace
NC	Valentine	75	15	49	-2	.17
NE	Norfolk	79	13	51	-3	.01
	Sioux City	77	17	49	-5	.01
CEN	Grand Island	77	16	52	-3	Trace
	Ord	77	12	49	---	Trace
EC	Lincoln	81	17	52	-4	.18
	Omaha	80	19	53	-2	Trace
SW	Imperial	77	18	51	---	0
	North Platte	80	15	50	-2	Trace

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Valley, NE